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Peace Lutheran Church -Denise Boisvert
RE: Ahead of Worship for September 5 & 6, 2026



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Our Vision Statement:
Sharing Peace Faithfully

Our Mission:



*To bring people into contact with the Gospel
and help them grow in their relationship to God
in Christ.*

Please check our Peace website
www.peacenewlenox.org
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Check out the [September Newsletter](#).

Sunday School 2026 - 27 <http://www.peacenewlenox.org/ministries/youth-ministry/sunday-school/> .

We live stream our service on Sundays at 8:30am.

September 5 & 6, 2026 Ahead of Worship for



Highlights:

Please note, the Peace Office will be printing an UPDATED MEMBER Directory in September.- The directory will include home address, home phone, cell phone & email address of members 18 and older. If you would like to update your information or do not want specific information included, you must specify your preferences AGAIN THIS YEAR by contacting the church office. This is the last week to let us know.

Do you love to sing? Would you like to make a joyful noise with others? Peace Choir wants you!! Practices begin on September 9th at 7pm. No auditions. No experience. Just love to sing. Just check us out!!! Contact church office for choir contact information."

The Peace Church office will be closed on Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.

The Ladies Ensemble welcomes all women to join us for singing and fellowship! No auditions or experience required. Practice only once per month. Come make a joyful noise!!! We start up again on Saturday, September 12 at 3pm. Call the office for contact information.

Register for 2026/2027 Sunday School - We look forward to a great year starting on Rally Day, Sept. 13 at 9:45am; "Caught in God's Love"! We rely on the registration forms to give us updates and to help us know who will be available to help with Sunday School. Please fill out a registration [form online](#), or call the church office.

Our next Men's Breakfast is Saturday, September 26th at 9am.

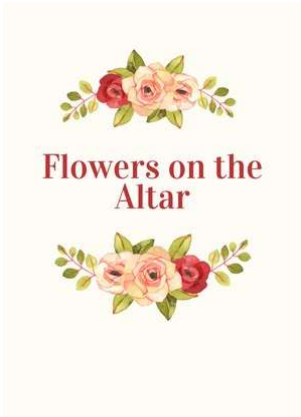
First Communion Class - Join us to learn about the amazing gifts God gives to us in communion! Traditionally at Peace, 5th grade has been the age for First Communion, however, all are welcome at Christ's table, so if you have a kid who desires to take communion, they are welcome in our class. Please use the sign up slip or email Pastor Amy if you have a kid who is interested. We will then try to find a date that works for everyone. (This particular class is open to all school-aged kids, so if you have a younger child who is interested, please reach out to Pastor Amy.)

Wednesday Bible Study - Wednesday mornings at 10am. We recently started back in Genesis so this is a great time to join us! You do not need to know anything about the Bible. Just come with an open heart and mind and with a curiosity to listen and learn from one another and the Spirit.

Calendar

- Sat., Sept. 5 - Worship Service, 5pm
- Sun., Sept. 6 - Worship Service, 8:30am
 Worship Service, 11am
- Mon., Sept. 7 - Labor Day, *Peace office closed*
 No Ruth Circle Quilting
 Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee, 10am
 No Senior Exercise Group, 12pm
- Wed., Sept. 9 - Bible Study, 10:00am
 Senior Exercise Group, 11:15am
 Adult Choir, 7pm
 Confirmation Orientation, 7pm
- Thurs., Sept. 10 - Mahjong, 12pm
- Sat., Sept. 12- Ladies Ensemble, 3pm
 Worship Service, 5pm, *Commissioning of Teachers*
 Out-to-Eat Group, 6:15pm
- Sun., Sept. 13 - Worship Service, 8:30am, *Commissioning of Teachers*
 Sunday School Rally Day, 9:45am
 Worship Service, 11am, *Commissioning of Teachers*
 Messtival, 12 pm
- Mon., Sept. 14 - Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee, 10am
 Senior Exercise Group, 12pm
- Tues., Sept. 15 - Tuesdays at Peace Book Club, 10am
 Trailblazers, 12pm
- Wed., Sept. 16 - Bible Study, 10:00am
 Senior Exercise Group, 11:15am
 7th Grade Confirmation Class, 7pm
 Adult Choir, 7pm
- Thurs., Sept. 17 - Mahjong, 12pm
- Sat., Sept. 19 - Women's Retreat, 9am
 Worship Service, 5pm
- Sun., Sept. 20 - Worship, 8:30am
 Peace Page Turners, 9:45am
 Sunday School & Adult Class, 9:45am
 Worship Service, 11am
 Junior Youth Group Legos & Eggos Lunch, 12:15pm
- Mon., Sept. 21 - Ruth Circle Quilting, 9am
 Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee, 10am
 Senior Exercise Group, 12pm
- Tues., Sept. 22 - All Committee Meeting, 6pm
 Church Council, 7pm
- Wed., Sept. 23- Bible Study, 10am
 Senior Exercise Group, 11:15am
 8th grade Confirmation Class, 7pm
 Adult Choir, 7pm
- Thurs., Sept. 24 - Mahjong 12pm
- Sat., Sept. 26 - Men's Breakfast, 9am
 Worship, 5pm *Last Outdoor Worship*
 Blessing of the Animals
 Chili Cook-off, 6pm
- Sun., Sept., 27- Worship, 8:30am
 National Youth Gathering Meeting, 9:45am
 Worship, 11am
- Mon.,, Sept., 28 - Coffee and Conversation at Gost, 10am
 Strong Seniors Exercise, 12pm
- Tues., Sept. 29 - Bell Choir, 7pm
- Wed., Sept. 30- Bible Study, 10am
 Strong Seniors Exercise, 11:15am
 Adult Choir, 7pm
- Thurs., Oct. 1 - Mahjong, 12pm
- Sat., Oct. 3 - Emergency Preparedness Training, 1pm
 Ladies Ensemble, 3pm
 Worship Service, 5pm
- Sun., Oct. 4 - Worship, 8:30am
 Sunday School & Adult Class, 9:45am
 Worship, 11am *Sunday School Kids Sing*

Mon., Oct. 5 - Ruth Circle Quilting, 9am
Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee, 10am
Senior Exercise Group, 12pm
Tues., Oct 6 - Bell Choir, 7pm
Wed., Oct. 7 - Bible Study, 10am
Senior Exercise Group, 11:15am
Thanksgiving Planning Meeting, 6pm
Adult Choir, 7pm
7th Grade Confirmation, 7pm
Thurs., Oct 8 - Mahjong 12pm



The flowers on the altar were given by Eric Wesel in memory of our daughter Jacqueline Christine, in celebration of Allie, Ricky and Joe's birthdays, and in celebration of Eric and Sandi's wedding anniversary, and given by Pam Vanick in celebration of her parent's wedding anniversary.

Thank you!

Thank You!



Thank you to all the people who are watching our weekly worship and, for all your support financially, in prayer, with words of encouragement, acts of service and more! Your online gifts last week of \$3,402 and offerings of \$4,384 help us to keep doing ministry locally, nationally, and around the world!



Prayer List:
Ed Kolberg, Ken Vrshek, Our siblings in Christ at First and Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, Jeff Cohn, Justin and Kaleigh, Jenna, Kyle, Family of Debbie Palm, Roberta TraKan, Jason and Ashley, Barry Garr, Jason, Ashley, Amber Salutric, Karson K., Frank Rossi,, The Family of Lois Spizzirri

If you would like more information about any of the events, announcements or groups in the bulletin, please contact the church office and we will answer any questions or put you in touch with the coordinator of the group.



- Save the Date**
September 7th - Labor Day, Peace Office Closed
September 13th – Rally Day and Messtival
September 19th - Women's Retreat
September 22nd - All Committee Meeting
Church Council
September 26th -Last Outdoor Worship
Blessing of the Animals
Chili Cook Off
October 18th - Vaccine Clinic
October 25 - Trunk-or-Treat, Peace Parking Lot
October 26 - Trunk-or-Treat at Joshua Arms in Joliet

Thank You to our Worship Volunteers!

Volunteer Role

Sept. 5 -5pm	Sept. 6 -8:30am	Sept 6- 11am	
Ushers	Bruce Vollrath Russel Aaberg	Lauren Rodgers Claudia Gamache	Barb Hnetkovsky Janet Stoller
Greeters	Jim and Vicki Hunziker	Michele and Terry Lenz	Andrew and Bethany Smothers
Communion Servers	Need Need	Need Morgan Barlow	Need Need
Acolyte	Need	Need	Michael Pisciola
Lay Liturgist	Priscilla Huffman	Karin Knutson	Need
Lesson Reader	Need	Need	Julie Ruth
Refreshments	N/A	Lori Becker Need	Haley and Lauren Muehlnickel

Offering Counters	N/A	N/A	David Johnson Ellen DeMik
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Announcements

Women's Retreat - September 19th, 9am

We invite all women high school aged and older to join us for a day of learning and fellowship at our annual women's retreat. This year the theme will be "women of faith, past, present and future." Please bring pictures of women of faith important to you and a snack to share. We will meet at Peace from 9am till 2pm. If you would like more information reach out to Deacon Shari or Pastor Amy. Please sign up by Sept. 6th [here](#).

Special Music

Have you ever been moved by the special music here at Peace? Whether you've felt encouraged, seen, or comforted, music has a way of reaching us and speaking to our spirits. A lot of people work hard to make our music meaningful, so we are happy to announce that Jonathan DeMik will be helping to bring special music to our worship services. He has volunteered to coordinate musicians, schedule, and even arrange music for instrumental solos or ensembles. He's a great resource! If you are interested in offering or learning more about special music, please reach out to Jonathan at peacelutheran.nl.specialmusic@gmail.com. Thank you to all our musicians!

Altar Flower Sign-Up

The flower chart for 2026 is filling up. If you would like to sign up for flowers, take a look. We have a new way to track flower information, so please grab a slip and envelope off of the bulletin board if you sign up or if you have not yet paid for your flowers or given the office the dedication information.

Offering Envelopes

If you need Offering envelopes, please contact the church office.

Golf Group – Thursdays at 8:00am

The golf group has started play. If it is above 50 and below 90 we will play. We play for fellowship, fresh air and maybe hit a good shot occasionally. We will be playing on Thursdays at 8:00am. Each week Mike Bohl will send out an email to interested golfers with when and where to meet. You do not have to play every week. Questions, contact the church office.

Electronic Giving

If you would like to sign up for automatic withdrawals, please contact the office. You can also give online at any time through our website www.peacenewlenox.org.

Worship

Outdoor Worship

Weather permitting, our last outdoor worship for the year will be Saturday, September 26th at 5pm. Bring your own chair and dress for the weather!

Worship Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in volunteering during our worship services, please sign up on the signup sheet or contact the office. Thank you!

Youth

Jr. Youth Group (3rd-6th grade)

Calling all 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders! We want you to be a part of our Jr. Youth Group! Come hang out with other youth from our congregation as we have fun and grow in our relationship with God together. You also get to help plan our activities. We will have one event each month from September to May.

Upcoming Jr. Youth Group Events

Jr Youth Legos and Eggos- Sun., Sept 20 at 12:15pm

Junior Youth Group is starting back on September 20th. We will meet in the fellowship hall from 12:15pm till 2:00pm. We will make breakfast for lunch together with the star of the show being Eggo Waffles and then we will build Legos together. Jr Youth Group is specifically **for 3rd grade through 6th grade**. Invite your friends and let's have some fun. If you have any questions please reach out to Deacon Shari.

Peace Youth Group

Do you want to hang out with other awesome Peace youth? Do you like to eat good food, play games, and talk about Jesus? Awesome!!!! Peace Youth Group is for you! Our 7th - 12th grade youth group meets regularly from September – May, with a few special summer events to enjoy fellowship, faith and fun. Join us!

Upcoming Youth Events:

Wednesday, September 9 - Confirmation Orientation - 7pm
Sunday, September 13 - Rally Day and Messtival

National Youth Gathering June 28- July 2nd, 2027

Imagine worshipping with 20,000 other people who believe in the same God you do. Now imagine that 15, 000 of them are youth the same age as you. The National Youth gathering is an event where this becomes real. We will travel to Minneapolis this year with other Lutheran youth from all over the United States and hear from amazing and honest speakers about how to imagine more love, and welcome grace, joy, and courage. **We will be meeting monthly with our next meeting on September 27 at 9:45am** to begin imagining more, planning and preparing. If you are interested in attending please let Deacon Shari know.

Groups

Coffee & Conversation at Gost Coffee – Mondays from 10-11am

Join us for fun fellowship & coffee!

Senior Exercise Group – Mondays & Wednesdays

Mondays 12 noon -1:00pm and Wednesdays 11:15am-12:15pm.

Mahjong Masters – Thursdays at 1pm

Don’t worry, being a master is ABSOLUTELY NOT required! A group of Mahjong Minded Members have started gathering at Peace on Thursdays at 1:00pm. We would love to have you join us. We welcome those who know how to play and those who would like to learn! If you have any questions, you can reach out to Deacon Shari.

Tuesdays at Peace-Tues., Sept. 15 at 10:00am

We will be discussing “Bell Canto” by Ann Patchett.

Trailblazers – Tues., Sept. 15 at 12pm

Group 65+ meets on the third Tuesday of the month. Cost \$5, lunch will be provided.

Volunteers Needed for Trailblazers-

Our Trailblazers are a group of 65+ individuals who meet once a month for lunch & games. We are looking for volunteers to host the luncheon here at church by setting up and providing food. Feel free to pair up with someone and host the luncheon together. The group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month and there are an average of 6 people attending. If this is something you would like to do, please contact the church office.

Ruth Circle Quilting – Mon., September 21 at 9am *(No Quilting on September 7th, due to Labor Day observance.)*

Please join us, all are welcome! Meets every other Monday.

Out-to-Eat Group - Saturday, Sept. 12th at 6:15pm

Join us for dinner at North & Maple, 2387 East Joliet Highway, New Lenox. Please be sure to list the names of each person who will attend when you sign up. RSVP required. Be sure to sign up by September 7th. Thank you!

Tuesdays at Peace Book Club - Tues., Sept. 15 at 10am

Our next book we will read is "Bel Canto," by Ann Patchett.

Peace Page Turners - Sun., Sept. 20 at 9:45

The next book the Peace Page Turners will discuss will be “The Bookclub for Troublesome Women” by Marie Bostwick.

Men’s Breakfast – Sat., Sept. 26 at 9am

Men ages 16 and older are invited to this fellowship opportunity that meets at Peace on the fourth Saturday of the month at 9am. Cost is a free will offering - breakfast cost is approximately \$15 each. Please use the sign-up sheet or [Register Online](#).

Faith Development & Education

Register for 2026/2027 Sunday School

We look forward to a great year starting on Rally Day, Sept. 13 at 9:45am; “Caught in God’s Love”! We rely on the registration forms to give us updates and to help us know who will be available to help with Sunday School. Please fill out a registration [form online](#), or call the church office. There will be a Commissioning of Teachers at all services on September 12 & 13th and the 3rd grade students will receive their bibles.

Wednesday Bible Study at 10am

Everyone is welcome! You do not need to know anything about the Bible to join us!

Everybody Read

Read your favorite verse or look up your Confirmation verse.

Free books!

Yes, you read that right! We are now giving away our “Questions Kids Ask About God” books. They are available in English and Spanish, hardcover, softcover and coloring books. If you know of anyone who would enjoy learning about God in a fun, creative way, help yourself to these books. They will be available on the counter in the narthex. They make great gifts.

Helping Others

Santa Cruz’s Food Pantry Special Appeal – Cereal & Canned Goods

In lieu of the usual items on the needs list for Santa Cruz food pantry, they are making a special appeal for cereal and any kind of canned goods. Please look for the baskets by Fellowship Hall if you would like to donate items.

Prayer Shawls Needed

A prayer shawl is a shawl prepared for and prayed over for someone that is hurting so they can wrap themselves in God’s love. You may create shawls at home and drop them at church, and we will get them to the people who need them.

Prayer Shawls Available

A prayer shawl is a knitted or crocheted shawl that is made with prayerful meditation for yourself or someone in need. Please put in your requests in the Prayer Shawl box in the narthex or email the church office.

Volunteer Opportunities

Are you looking for individual volunteer opportunities, to earn community service hours, find ways to give back or lend a hand? The Service/Outreach Committee is creating a list of ideas for individual service projects. Watch the bulletin board in the narthex and the newsletter for details. For starters, here are a few suggestions. If you know of other opportunities, please share.

- **ShareFest, 21715 Moni Drive, New Lenox, needs volunteers to help out in its food pantry and warehouse during the day, Tuesday-Saturday. Sign up at <https://www.sharefestwillcounty.org/>
- **Sunny Hill Nursing Home, 421 Doris Avenue, Joliet, you can scoop ice cream in the Sweet Shop, help with Bingo, and more. All volunteers must complete a form for a background check. Contact Kristen at 815-727-8710.

Please check our website www.peacenewlenox.org regularly for updates.
